(a) whether Government have formulated any proposal for setting up of new Postal Divisions in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Postal Divisions set up in the State during 1994-95; and

(c) whether any new Postal Divisional are proposed to be set up in SaurashtraKutchh area of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No Postal Division was set up in Gujarat state during 1994-95.

(c) No, Sir.

Setting up of Sal Seeds Extraction Plants in Orissa

1601. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sal seeds extraction plants have been set up in Mayurbhanj district in Orissa;

(b) whether some of those owners of the sal seeds extraction plants are responsible for the destruction of forests and exploiting local tribals; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to regulate the working of sal seed extraction plant owners and also to save the valuable forest wealth from destruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) As per the report received from State Government of Orissa, there is one Solvent Extraction Plant in Mayurbhanj District in Orissa.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Conversion of Delhi Ahmedabad rail line

1602. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY
DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Delhi Ahmedabad Super Fast train converted into BG Railway would commence for journey;

(b) the details of completed conversion of MG into BG on Delhi Ahmedabad line; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi Ahmedabad Superfast train would be suspended in the next year to facilitate conversion of MG into BG?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The route from Delhi to Ahmedabad is expected to be ready after conversion by Aug. '96. Train services will be introduced thereafter.

(b) Delhi-Ajmer and MehsanaAhmedabad sections have been completed. Mehsana-Palanpur is targeted for completion by March '96 and the remaining sections by Aug. '96.

(c) the existing MG train will continue to run on diverted route via Chhitaurgarh and Himmatnagar till the conversion is completed.

News Item Regarding Atrocities against Women

1603. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a report published in the Pioneer of 19th July, 1995 under the caption, crimes against women;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there has been a rise in the cases of crimes against women as mentioned in the above report; if so, what are the details in this regard and the nature of cases which took place during the years 1993, 1994 and so far in 1995 (State-wise and particularly in Delhi); and what action Government have taken on each case; and

(d) what action Government have so far taken or propose to take on the Resolution relating to atrocities against women unanimously adopted by the Rajya Sabha on the 24th March, 1995 and what are the details in this regard and how the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement about crime against women is enclosed as Amexure [*See Appendix 174 Annexure No. 35*] Information regarding action taken by the State Governments in individual cases is not maintained by the Central Government.

(d) The Resolution relating to atrocities against women adopted by the Rajya Sabha on 24-3-95 was sent by the Home Minister to all the Chief Ministers of the State Governments and to U.T. Administrations, emphasising the need for early implementation of the Resoulation. Twelve State Governments have so far responded to the Home Minister's communication and have assured the Central Government of their commitment to check crimes against women.

Monitoring of State-by-State Pollution Level

1604. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased state:

(a) whether State-wise pollution levels are being monitored;

(b) if so, the mechanism used to monitor pollution on State-wise bases;

(c) whether monthly reports are compiled by such a system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS SHRI (KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Pollution levels are being monitored in various parts of the country under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (NAAQM) Programme. There were, in all 208 stations operating under the above programme in various States in the country as on 31st March, 1995. These stations are operated through the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and Centre Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Inland water quality is monitored through a network of 480 stations of which 398 stations are for rivers, 39 for lakes, 27 for ground water sources and 16 stations are at various other locations. In addition, under the Ground Water Quality Project, 134 locations have been identified in 21 critically polluted areas in the country by the CPCB, where sampling and analysis has been initiated through the State Ground Water Boards from 1993.

(c) and (d) Statistically analysed data and the corresponding interpretative reports are prepared and published by CPCB anually.

Loss in freight revenue

1605. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways is losing freight revenue heavily due to carelessness of officials to measure bulk cargo handled; and

(b) the estimated loss on account of excess loading of coal that brings no revenue to the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Adequate steps are taken by the Indian Railways to ensure that there is no overloading of wagons by arranging weighment at the booking/destination point and in cases where weighment facility is not available at those points, then weighment is done enroute. Whenever overloading is detected, penal freight charges, as per rules, are realised.

Amounts spent on Combating Terrorism

1606. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been spent by the Central Government to contain terrorism in various states, during the past five years; and

(b) whether these amounts are being recovered from the State Governments and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Assistance to states for improving their police related infrastructure is